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11. (U) The UAE representative to the weekly Iraq reconstruction teleconference had provisionally offered to have the UAE host the October donors' conference for Iraq. In a meeting with the Ambassador, Minstate for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed said that the UAEG is formally offering to host the conference in Abu Dhabi and would like USG support for the initiative. He said that Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed had officially blessed the proposal and wants to hold it in Abu

## Dhabi.

12. (SBU) Comment and Action Request: Post understands that there has been some discussion of the venue for the conference. We believe that the UAE would be an appropriate host for the conference. The UAE has the advantage of its regional location and good air connections. As the only Arab member of the "core group", it can provide an additional level of legitimacy in the Arab world for efforts to rebuild Iraq. Post recommends strongly that the USG consider supporting the UAEG offer. End Comment and Action Request.